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COMMODITY/ORIGIN/DISTRICT	*MODE	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
<b>WATERMELONS</b>											
<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>											
IMPORTS THROUGH SAN JUAN (PUERTO RICO)	B	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	43	44	92
<b>MEXICO</b>											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	25	15	140
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX	T	10	4	-	-	-	-	14	118	70	501
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>817</b>

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<b>WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS</b>											
<b>GUATEMALA</b>											
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	7	308
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	203	53	912
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	2	-	-	-	-	-	21	73	130	1527
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	120	44	1505
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	22	-	114
<b>MEXICO</b>											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH OTAY MESA	T	4	7	-	-	-	-	2	230	253	943
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PHARR, TX	T	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	394	267	1678
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH PROGRESO, TX	T	36	22	-	-	-	-	79	2224	2731	9077
MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH RIO GRANDE CITY	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	419	437	1131
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	43	40	-	-	-	-	43	6214	4523	22754

## WATERMELONS, SEEDLESS, MINATURE

<b>MEXICO</b>											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	284	294	1205
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>90</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>10341</b>	<b>9098</b>	<b>41563</b>

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<b>CANTALOUPS</b>											
<b>GUATEMALA</b>											
IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	52	47	408
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	30	16	-	-	-	-	1	293	350	2871
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	4	40	-	-	-	-	5	736	597	3180
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	10	-	-	-	-	-	72	857	789	2830
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	-	11	-	-	-	-	5	505	641	2341
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	16	-	-	-	-	-	10	125	11	424
<b>MEXICO</b>											
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	928	896	2121
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>12933</b>	<b>12398</b>	<b>24157</b>

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<b>HONEYDEWS</b>												
<b>GUATEMALA</b>												
IMPORTS THROUGH HOUSTON	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		9	13	117
IMPORTS THROUGH LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH	B	17	-	-	-	-	-	-		78	63	831
IMPORTS THROUGH PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN	B	-	17	-	-	-	-	5		352	148	1156
IMPORTS THROUGH PT CANAVERAL (FLORIDA)	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	34		305	334	1104
IMPORTS THROUGH SOUTH FLORIDA/TAMPA	B	1	6	-	-	-	-	5		71	106	803
IMPORTS THROUGH WILMINGTON (DELAWARE)	B	1	-	-	-	-	-	4		20	3	76
<b>MEXICO</b>												
MEXICO CROSSINGS THRU NOGALES	T	20	12	-	-	-	-	19		1653	1562	4173
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69</b>		<b>4006</b>	<b>3471</b>	<b>9973</b>

\* [T]-TRUCK, [A]-AIR, [B]-BOAT, [P]-PIGGYBACK, [R]-RAIL

\*\* District breakdown not available for rail/piggyback

**SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis for December 21, 2023. Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Reported prices generally include, but are not limited to, applicable brokerage fees and commissions, Customs fees and duties, U.S. packaging and U.S. freight costs prior to first sale, paid by the shipper/seller. Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis excludes all charges for freight after sale.

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH NOGALES, ARIZONA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**HONEYDEWS: DEMAND LIGHT.**

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. 2/3 cartons 5s 9.95-10.95 occasional lower 6s 8.95-9.95 occasional lower

**WATERMELONS: SUPPLY VERY**

LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT.

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Wide range in quality and condition. cartons Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 24.95-26.95 occasional lower 5s 24.95-26.95 occasional lower Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 15.95-18.95 occasional lower 8s 15.95-18.95 occasional lower 9s 15.95-18.95 occasional lower 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 250.00-280.00 occasional lower approx 45 count 250.00-280.00 occasional lower

**MEXICO CROSSINGS THROUGH TEXAS**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**WATERMELONS: DEMAND GOOD.**

MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Wide range in quality and condition. 24 inch bins Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 35 count 245.00-285.00 mostly 255.00-275.00 approx 45 count 255.00-285.00 mostly 260.00-280.00 approx 60 count 245.00-275.00 mostly 255.00-265.00

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY VERY LIGHT.**

DEMAND GOOD. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Most Present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s supplies insufficient to quote 12s supplies insufficient to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) supplies insufficient to quote 9s (6 size) supplies insufficient to quote

**CENTRAL AMERICA IMPORTS -PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORIDA**

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and/or Delivered Sales, Shipping Point Basis

**CANTALOUPS: SUPPLY MODERATE.**

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 1/2 cartons 9s 13.85-15.95 mostly 14.85-15.95 occasional lower fr cond 10.00 12s 13.85-15.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 occasional lower fr cond 10.00 15s supplies insufficient to quote oversized 1/2 cartons 6s (5 size) 12.95 9s (6 size) 13.85-15.95 mostly 14.95-15.95 occasional lower fr cond 10.00

**HONEYDEWS: SUPPLY FAIRLY LIGHT.**

DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. GUATEMALA. By Boat. Wide range in quality, condition and price. Most present shipments from prior bookings and/or previous commitments. 2/3 cartons 5s 13.85-14.85 mostly 13.95 few low as 12.85 fr cond 10.00 6s 13.85-14.85 mostly 13.95 few low as 12.85 fr cond 10.00 oversized 2/3 cartons 4s (3 size) 10.95 5s (4 size) 13.85-14.85 mostly 13.85-13.95 few low as 12.85 fr cond 10.00

**WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKET  
PRICES AS OF  
December 21, 2023.**

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/fvdaily.htm>

**ATLANTA****CANTALOUPS: OFFERINGS VERY**

LIGHT. 1/2 cartons CA 9s 16.00-20.00 mostly 19.00-20.00 few 22.00 12s 18.50-20.50 mostly 19.50-20.00 few 16.50-17.50, occas higher GU 12s 20.00-21.00 MX 12s 22.00

**HONEYDEWS: OFFERINGS VERY**

LIGHT. 2/3 cartons AZ 5s 14.00-16.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 few 17.00-18.00 CA 5s 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 few 21.00-22.00 6s 16.50-20.00 mostly 18.00-18.50 few 21.00-21.75 8s 14.50-16.50

**WATERMELONS: OFFERINGS VERY**

LIGHT. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 5s 36.50-39.50 Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 8s 26.50

**BOSTON**

**CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY.** 1/2 cartons GU 9s 15.00-18.00 mostly 17.00 9s (6 size) fr cond 12.00-14.00 12s 15.00-18.00 mostly 17.00 12s (9 size) 18.00-20.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY.** 2/3 cartons MX 5s 12.00-13.00 5s (4 size) 12.00-16.00 mostly 12.00-14.00 6s 12.00-16.00 mostly 12.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY.** flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 42.00-45.00 mostly 42.00-44.00 5s 44.00-48.00 mostly 44.00-45.00 24 inch bins per melon MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 36s 11.00 45s 7.00-8.00 60s 6.00

**CHICAGO**

**CANTALOUPS: MARKET STEADY.** 1/2 cartons GU 9s 19.00 12s 18.00-19.00 MX 9s 15.00 oversized 1/2 cartons CA 9s (6 size) 18.00-20.00 mostly 18.00 GU 9s (6 size) 18.00-19.00 MX 9s (6 size) 16.00

**HONEYDEWS: MARKET STEADY.** 2/3 cartons CA 5s 16.00-16.50 occasional lower 6s 16.00-16.50 occasional lower oversized 2/3 cartons MX 5s 12.00 occasional higher 6s 12.00

**WATERMELONS: MARKET STEADY.** cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 36.00 fineappear 42.00-43.00 occasional lower 5s 34.00-37.00 mostly 36.00-37.00 occasional lower fineappear 48.00 6s 34.00-36.00 flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 26.00-27.00 occasional lower 8s 26.00-27.00 occasional lower 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 360.00 60s 375.00-385.00

**LOS ANGELES****CANTALOUPS:** OFFERINGS MEXICO

VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s 19.00-22.00 mostly 20.00-21.00 MX 9s 12.00-15.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher/lower 12s 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher/lower oversized 1/2 cartons GU BOAT 9s (6 size) 20.00-22.00 MX 9s (6 size) 13.00-15.00 mostly 14.00 occas lower

**HONEYDEWS:** OFFERINGS VERY

LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. 2/3 cartons MX 5s 8.00-11.00 mostly 9.00-10.00 6s 7.00-10.00 mostly 8.00-9.00 occas higher/lower 8s 6.00-9.00 mostly 7.00-8.00 occas higher/lower oversized 2/3 cartons MX 5s (4 size) 11.00-13.00 mostly 12.00-13.00 occas higher/lower

**WATERMELONS:** OFFERINGS BINS**RED FLESH SEEDLESS TYPE VERY**

LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. wide range in quality and condition. cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 4s 33.00-36.00 mostly 35.00-36.00 occas lower 5s 33.00-36.00 mostly 34.00-35.00 occas lower 6s 32.00-35.00 mostly 33.00-34.00 occas higher/lower 8s 23.00-24.00 occas higher/lower flat cartons MX Red Flesh Seedless Miniature 6s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher 8s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00-14.00 occas higher 9s 12.00-14.00 mostly 13.00 occas higher 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type 45s 300.00-305.00 occas higher/lower 60s 285.00-290.00

**MIAMI****CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 18.00 fineappear 22.00-25.00 few 26.00, occas higher 12s Offerings insufficient to quote

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 22.00-25.00 occas higher holdovers 14.50 6s 22.00-24.00 occas higher

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 24 inch bins per melon FL Red Flesh Seedless Type approx 36 count 6.50-7.00 approx 45 count 5.00-6.00 approx 60 count 4.50-5.00 75-80s 4.00

**NEW YORK****CANTALOUPS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 1/2 cartons GU 9s 14.00-16.00 12s 15.00-17.00 MX 12s no offerings oversized 1/2 cartons GU 9s (6 size) 15.00-17.00 15.00 open top fineappear 17.00-18.00 open top MX 9s (6 size) no offerings flat cartons GU 9s (6 size) fineappear 18.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 2/3 cartons GU 5s 14.00-15.00 fineappear 15.00-17.00 6s 13.00-15.00 MX 5s 12.00 6s no offerings oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 14.00-16.00 fr appear 12.00 MX 5s (4 size) 15.00-16.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET ABOUT

STEADY. 24 inch bins MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s no offerings cartons 4s per carton MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 55-59 lb 42.00-46.00 mostly 44.00 60-64 lb fineappear 48.00-50.00

**PHILADELPHIA****CANTALOUPS:** MARKET STEADY. 1/2

cartons FL 9s 12.00 12s 12.00 GU 6s 13.00 12s 16.00-17.00 oversized 1/2 cartons GU 6s (5 size) 13.00 9s (6 size) 15.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.00 flat cartons FL 6s 12.00

**HONEYDEWS:** MARKET STEADY. 2/3

cartons GU 5s 15.00-16.00 6s 15.00-16.00 MX 5s 12.00-13.00 6s 12.00-13.00 oversized 2/3 cartons GU 5s (4 size) 13.00-14.00

**WATERMELONS:** MARKET MEXICO 4S HIGHER, OTHERS ABOUT STEADY.

cartons FL Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 38.00 5s 38.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 4s 40.00-44.00 mostly 42.00-44.00 5s 38.00-40.00 mostly 40.00 24 inch bins FL Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 320.00 MX Red Flesh Seedless Type Round Varieties 36s 390.00 45s 390.00